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1. At the end of November 1948 the Central Committee of the Lebanese Communist Party was strongly reproached by the Cominform, on the following grounds:

- a. Failure to "reach the heart" of the working class and to win its confidence.
- b. Failure to conduct a successful typesetters' strike, and the resultant bad effect on the morale of the Communist Party and on the Party's control and influence over the unions, which the Cominform termed the core of the Party's strength. ~~Comment.~~ For an explanation of events leading up to the strike, and the strike itself, see ~~paragraphs 7-16.~~

2. The Cominform asked that a careful investigation be made of the persons who had supervised the strike, as well as of the Sections' Secretaries, in order to determine the causes of the failure and to bring the guilty leaders to trial.
3. The Central Committee of the Lebanese CP met under the chairmanship of Khalid Bghdash, head of the Syrian CP, and after studying the situation it was decided to open an investigation in accordance with the Cominform's instructions.

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